

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3006 - HB 3754

March 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires fees paid by the public to use a National Guard firing range shall not be increased by more than 10 percent annually unless approved by joint resolution of the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Forgone State Revenue – Exceeds \$25,000/Station Commander's Upkeep and Maintenance Fund

A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Department of Military has not provided sufficient information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

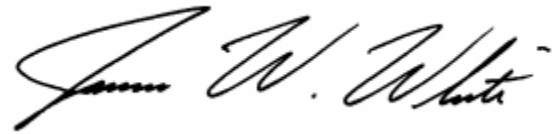
Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 58-1-512 all income derived from the use of armories will be retained by the station commander and deposited in a station commander's upkeep and maintenance fund. Such funds are to be used for the maintenance, repair, upkeep, alteration, equipment, modification or improvement of the armory, facilities and area adjacent thereto.
- Currently, fees are paid by individuals, gun clubs, for-profit organizations, and law enforcement to use a National Guard firing range for firearm practice.
- There is at least one firing range being used for this purpose which is owned by the federal government and licensed to the Tennessee Army National Guard.
- The amount of the fee currently being collected is \$1.00 per day per individual.
- A maximum 10 percent increase in fees would result in an increase from \$1.00 to \$1.10 per person per day.
- The amount of fees collected last year from firing ranges is unknown; however, a reasonable estimate of revenue collected from fees is at least \$25,000 annually.
- This estimate assumes that the Department, in absence of the bill, would at least double the fee at some point in the future (from \$1.00 to \$2.00); therefore, the Department will experience forgone revenue estimated to exceed \$25,000 for any fee increase that will not be assessed or collected over and above that prescribed in the bill.
- Any fee increase would be used to offset the expense of compensating employees/soldiers who must remain on site at firing ranges whenever they are in use, as well as for utilities, maintenance and upkeep of the property.

- Any fee increase in excess of 10 percent per year would have to be approved by the General Assembly. Such restriction does not currently exist.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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